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The following figures describe how the distribution of offenders in West Virginia and in the average U.S. state has changed over time.

Figure 1.2: The Distribution of Offenders in West Virginia by Type of Supervision, 1992 and 2013

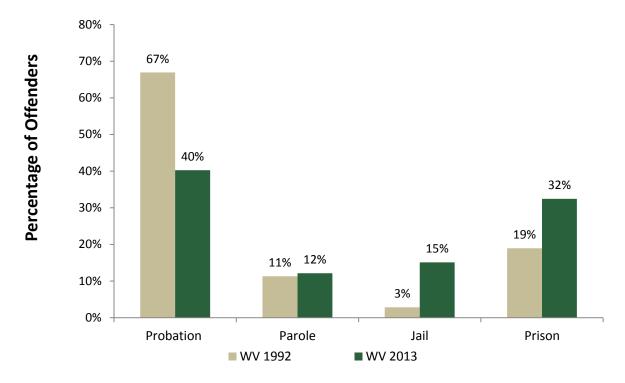
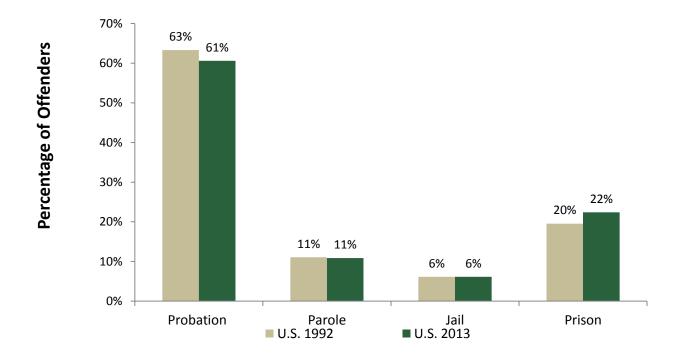


Figure 1.3: The Distribution of Offenders in the Average U.S. State by Type of Supervision, 1992 and 2013



Sources: Annual U.S. Census Population Estimates by State, Annual Probation Survey, Annual Parole Survey, Annual Survey of Jails, Bureau of Justice Statistics Prisoners Series, and the Correctional Populations in the United States Series

Findings: Figure 1.2 shows that West Virginia experienced a substantial shift in the distribution of offenders across correctional supervision types between 1992 and 2013. The percentage of offenders who were on probation fell from about 67% in 1992 to 40% in 2013. In contrast, the percentage of offenders in jail increased from about 3% to 15% and the proportion of offenders in prison increased from about 19% to roughly 32%. However, as can be seen in Figure 1.3, this shift has not been observed in other states on average. Between 1992 and 2013, the average U.S. state experienced only modest changes in the distribution of offenders across different types of supervision. Furthermore, these figures show that while West Virginia had supervision mix that was fairly similar to that of the average state in 1992, it now has a much larger proportion of offenders housed in jail and prison, and much a smaller percentage of offenders on probation.